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THE CHURCH AND FIELD.

The Coventry Church in Pa., is having a flourishing winter Sunday-school.

Bro. J. P. Hetric held a series of meetings at Lawrenceville, Pa., last week.

Bro. E. S. Miller closed his meetings at Pleasant Hill, with two additions. H. G. ULLERY.

Elder Hildebrandt is to commence a protracted meeting in the Stonycreek congregation Jan. 15th.

A private letter informs us that Elder John Harley of Pottstown, Pa., has not been well the past several weeks.

Bro. Mason will commence a protracted meeting at Farmersville on Friday evening the 23rd inst.

Sister Laura Slotter informs us of the sudden death of brother Samuel Harold, of Columbiana, Ohio., on the evening of the 14th instant.

Bro. Isaac Leedy of Ankneytown, filled the appointment at Thornport, Perry Co., Ohio, recently; and Bro. Cober of Ashland filled it January 11th.

J. P. Hetric has been holding a series of meetings at the Price meeting house in the Coventry Church, Pa., assisted by others. We have not yet heard the result.

Bro. Alvin Cober expresses himself well pleased with the Brethren of Perry county and the meetings at that place, notwithstanding the muddy roads.

Brother E. D. Fike, of Lanark, Ill., has returned from the old Keystone state to his prairie home, and has greeted us with a good list of subscribers and a promise for still more.

Elder S. T. Bosserman renews his subscription from Kenka, Florida this year. We hope the sunny south will agree with Bro. Bosserman's health, and that he will send us an occasional article for the EVANGELIST.

Milford, Indiana, has now an organized Brethren church. We greatly rejoice in this fact. We have an earnest desire to make a pilgrimage to that historical school house some day, and it will be a satisfaction while doing so, to find it within the confines of a Brethren church.

The EVANGELIST has already entered many homes this year to which it had been a stranger heretofore. Some of these new patrons have written us expressing themselves well pleased with their new visitor. This is encouraging to us and we hope our agents and friends will continue their solicitations for new subscribers. This is a kind of missionary work that all can work at and a kind that will be productive of great good.

D. Crofford, who has been preaching for the Church of the Brethren in this place for a number of years past, tendered his resignation as pastor, on Sunday evening last. At a business meeting held this (Wednesday) evening the matter was taken under consideration and the resignation was accepted. A call was then tendered to Rev. R. Z. Replogle, of New Enterprise, Pa., at a salary of $500 a year, and steps were taken to systemize the matter of properly attending to getting things in working order. It is understood that Mr. Replogle will accept and his first appointment will likely be in about ten days. The supporting of a paid ministry is a new departure for the "Dunkard" or Brethren church, this being the first step in that direction in this county. This church has a very ffne building on Somerset street, South Side, said to be one of the best in the Brotherhood.—JOHNSTOWN DEMOCRAT.

Bro. J. C. Ewing is conducting a large and enthusiastic singing class at Elk Lick, Pa.

"Original Wheat" is the title of Brother Beer's article for next week's paper. We suppose it is the result of the sifting of the doctors and theologians.

R. Z. Replogle is preaching at Snyder, Pa. The extract from the *Johnstown Democrat*, in this issue says he has become pastor of the Church at Johnstown.

Two more have been added to the church here, at Edna Mills, Ind., lately, by baptism, and the prospects are good for more to follow soon. J. H. SWIHART.

The *Vindicator* in alluding to Prof. Howard Miller's promise to write to the *Messenger* says, "We hope he will not produce Progressive letters for Conservative readers, whereby to become partakers of the same principles of those whom Conservatives have expelled; but it seems the *Messenger* loves to be progressive."

It seems that brother Beer while preaching the Gospel in California was hindered from entering a school house to hold the meetings. The school directors were all Catholics, and as that class believe that they are the only true church they feel themselves justified in restraining all other preaching. We are sorry to say that there are some protestants that have similar notions and use similar methods.

We say it here because we have the room at this place, that this is No. 3 of the EVANGELIST for 1885. Number 1 was intended for the first week of January. No. 2 was dated Jan. 14th, and this number is dated Jan. 21st. Number one was issued one week ahead of time, and, therefore, when our patrons did not get a paper during the first week in January, some of them thought we were delinquent, and sent in complaints accordingly. Such will please take notice of this. We are now publishing on time and expect to do so promptly each week, and we want to publish 52 numbers this year, instead of only 50 as was done last year, which will leave no long, lonesome waiting for a paper during the holidays.

Lawrence, Kans.

JAN. 12, 1885.—I commenced a meeting at this place on the evening of January 5th, continued to Jan. 11th. Preached in all seven sermons. Attendance small, but attention good. Two accessions; one by baptism and one by relation from the German Baptists. To day, in company with brother Jos. Michael, we go to Washington Creek, Kans., to hold forth the word of life, for an indefinite length of time. This will be our first effort in that place. We shall probably meet with some opposition. Will keep the readers of the EVANGELIST posted.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Lathrop, Cal.

The first Lord's day of 1885 is now past, and to us it was a busy, pleasant, and we hope, a profitable day. At 11 o'clock a. m., I preached at Ripon, ten miles south-east of Lathrop, and at the latter place in the evening. The meetings were well attended.

At Lathrop there was an election for Sunday-school officers for this year, resulting as follows: Supt., Elder J. P. Wolfe; Asst. Supt., Mrs. H. E. Beer; Secretary Miss Johnson; Treasurer, Bro. Frank Meyers: Librarian, F. McCann; Chorister, Mrs. Hill. We think we have an excellent board of officers, and hope to have a good school.

We have also arranged to have preaching at Lathrop every Sunday evening.

J. W. BEER.

Brethren Church of Milford, Ind.

SIDNEY, IND., Jan. 12, 1885.—The Brethren of Milford organized themselves into a local church on the 9th inst. Brother John Nicholson preached for the Master during the last two weeks. The word preached had the effect to arouse the lethargy of the people generally. Those that took part in the organization had all been baptized by the German Baptists and were in good standing. A few had been disowned by them for wearing plain hats. The number that took part in the organization was twelve. This, however, is only a beginning. The good seed is sown here; now let sunshine and showers come. God, we trust, will give the increase. Brother Nicholson closed the meeting the same evening to fill an appointment elsewhere; but this field at Milford must not be neglected. A call for brother Mallott is made, and the hope is that he will come immediately.

It was first thought that an organization would be effected in the territory extending from Milford to North Manchester, but now the indications are that three organizations can be made within these bounds. It will be remembered that during the year 1882, a certain paper announced repeatedly through its columns that the members in the vicinity where the annual meeting that year was held, were "solid for annual meeting." Of course this grated hard on the ears of one who knew better, but it was left for time to vindicate the truth. This organization referred to above, was made about two miles from where the notable Arnold's Grove annual meeting was held, and about the same distance from the memorable school house where the first Brethren met after the intolerance of the annual meeting was made known.

The Brethren here are an the most friendly terms with all Christian professors. If there are any exceptions it is only with the most radical of the old church. Let this spirit always predominate with the Brethren. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish." Now let us imitate this love, and become instruments in his hands to save all those that it is possible to save, even the whole world. The want of this love was the hinderance that made it necessary to throw off the yoke of narrowness, where we had been weighted down heretofore.

The church that was organized is called the Brethren church at Milford. Ministers, please take notice and make it convenient to call. DANIEL MILLER.

Altamont, Cal.

Altamont is a railroad station about 25 miles west of Lathrop. Our esteemed Bro. C. E. Doty lives within a mile of this place. He has been preaching here and at Marsh Creek about 15 miles north for a few years past, to the acceptance of all. He should be supported so as to devote his entire time to the work.

At this place the school directors are all Catholics, and they would not let us have the use of the school-house. Bro. and sister Perret, whose hearts are always open for good, opened their house, and converted all on one side of the hall to a meeting house where we held about a dozen very pleasant little meetings. The attedance was small, but as good as could be expected in a place where nearly all are Catholics. There was some sickness in the neighborhood which prevented some from attending. When the meeting closed there was a good interest, and a general desire for regular appointments at the place. As Bro. Doty had to be away during the summer, he had dropped his appointments, but they have now reorganized their Sunday-school, and no doubt, he will resume his work.

Several of the friends in attendance expressed an interest in their spiritual welfare, and we hope they will soon be numbered with the household of faith.

J. W. BEER.

Tiosa, Indiana.

JAN. 15, 1885.—On the 26th of December, brother J. W. Fitzgerald came among us and held a series of meetings at the church at Tiosa. The meetings were well attended and good interest was manifested; after a few days the prodigals began to return and continued coming until there were nine applicants for baptism. So you see the good work is still going on at Tiosa. Bro. Fitzgerald wielded the sword with power. He will preach for this church during the ensuing year. His protracted effort closed on January 11th, amidst a good interest and large and quiet audiences. We desire the prayers of the brotherhood that the good work may still go on until every house may become a house of prayer and every heart a fit temple for the indwelling of the spirit of Christ. W. L. WOLF.

Louisville, Ohio.

Our little band at Louisville is in good spirits and working order. Our prayer-meetings are lively and interesting. We don't appear to have any drones in the hive; but all are doing what they can in the Master's cause. Bro. Keim preaches for us every Sabbath; and on last evening after preaching, he invited any one that felt like going with us to come forward, which resulted in two promising young men coming out on the Lord's side. This morning they were baptized, and we are made to rejoice that sinners are coming home. We think others are near the pool waiting. Hope they may soon be willing to step in and wash their garments in the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb.

The German Baptists had a revival, with two additions. The United Brethren are having a revival now. No additions yet, but the members are being revived and they are having a good meeting. They have befriended us and we wish them success. We are generally encouraged here and desire an interest in all your prayers.

CORNELIA SNYDER.

A Demur Again.

A good many inquiries come in about the *law suit* lately *demurred* by the court at Eaton, Preble county, O. We would rather give space in the paper for other matter than to mention the shame of brethren going to law, man with man, or brother against brother. It was, however, a good thing the old brethren behaved themselves as they have done and let the people who wish to know the facts, honorably pay for a transcript of the suit, deed and the testimony, then they may know more of some of our conservative brethren's manner of getting a wound upon the harmless old brethren of that county. The old brethren will preserve a transcript copy of the testimony and ere long it may come before the public. It is now time, (we should think) to leave the old brethren have whatever property is due them and we say no more nor less than is in common due them. But for Christians to take any steps whereby of selling and deeding as theirs, directly or indirectly as a test case, without first having some amicable agreement is, we think, very injudicious and out of usage and order. Assuredly this is much faster than the fast element would do.—VINDICATOR.

One sure way of making a community better, or to reform the society in which we move, or make our homes and neighbors better, is to begin on our own selves. This is one lesson which man is slow to learn, that his own conduct and life needs watching and improvement. Most people are more anxious for the moral and spiritual welfare of their neighbor than their own.

Some people when they are pinched for money conclude to economize by stopping the only religious paper the family reads. This will be sure to make hard times harder, and harder to bear.

In Memorium.

Sister Mary Brown was born in Rockbridge County, Va., June 10th 1809, and was joined in marriage with John Kiger Aug. 9th 1827. They emigrated to Montgomery County, Ohio, in the year of our Lord 1831. There were born unto them ten children five of whom are now living. (three sons and two daughters) and five have gone before to the Spirit world. (One son and four daughters) and she departed from this life, January 8th, 1885, after an illness of ten months. Her age was 75 years 6 months and 28 days. She and her surviving husband together united with the German Baptist church 35 years ago. They were very fathful and worthy Christians, but because they were not willing to forsake their faith in the all-sufficiency of Gospel alone as the plan of salvation, and accept of the mandatory minutes of the annual meeting they were expelled from their church. They were then received by the Brethren. The old sister remarked, when she was notified by the officers of the German Baptist Church of her expulsion, That they could turn her out of church, but they could not turn her out of Heaven. She died in the triumphs of a living faith. Her funeral occasion, by her own request, was improved by the writer and Eld. E. Mason, from 2. Tim. 4:8, in the presence of a large congregation of relatives and mourning friends.

JAMES A. RIDENOUR.

DIED—In the Somerset Church, Somerset Co., Penna., Jan. 10th, 1885, Charles Edward Seibert, aged 23 years, 9 months, and 20 days. The deceased was a brother in the flesh of our esteemed brother, Elder W. A. Seibert. A wife and two small children mourn the departure of husband and father. The remains were laid to rest in the Trent Church Cemetery; funeral discourse by the writer on Job 14:10.

J. H. KNEPPER.

DIED.—At her home near Amity, O., Ella S. Cochran aged 32 years, 8 months, and 5 days. She was a faithful member of the Baptist church for over 14 years. A friend to every one who knew her. She leaves a husdand and one child a little girl of 7 years to mourn her loss.

DIED.—At the home of her son-in-law Bro. John Wineland, Susan Biddle, aged 87 years, 11 months, and 24 days. She was a consistent member of the U. B. Church for over 60 years. Her last words were, "All is well."